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A Fact Sheet on U.S. Wood Product Exports to the Pacific Rim

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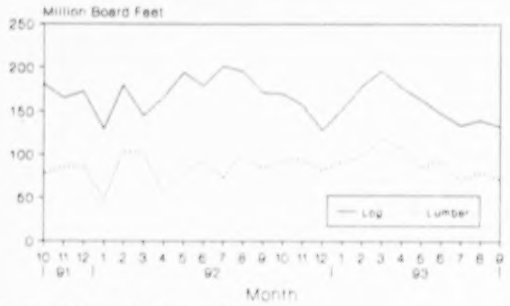
Exports to Japan
Softwood Logs & Lumber



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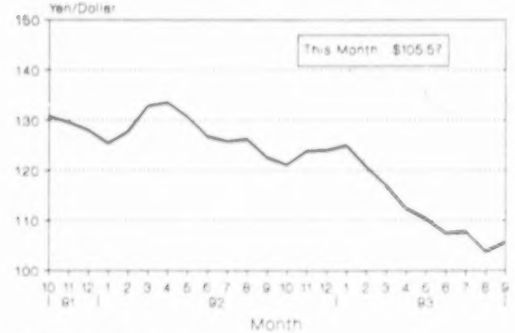
Japanese Yen/U.S. Dollar



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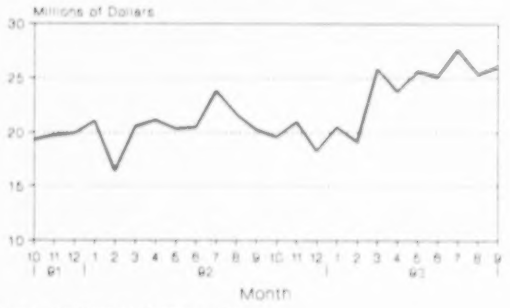
Value of Hardwood Lumber Exports to the Pacific Rim



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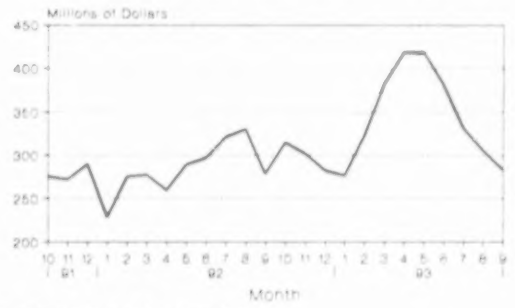
Value of All Wood Products Exports to the Pacific Rim



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Total U.S. Exports to the Pacific Rim ($000)

Country Markets	Sept.	% Change Month	YTD	% Change YTD	Product Groups	Sept.	% Change Month	YTD	% Change YTD
Japan	225,721	(2.8)	2,447,879	20.5	Softwood Logs	147,871	(7.1)	1,716,586	27.7
China	6,016	(37.4)	94,186	15.7	Softwood Lumber	45,693	(22.2)	567,132	34.5
Korea	31,088	(3.9)	315,153	40.9	Hardwood Logs	2,405	(38.3)	67,179	21.8
Taiwan	10,490	(34.1)	136,230	6.0	Hardwood Lumber	26,035	2.8	218,866	18.0
Australia	4,636	(56.6)	86,916	50.4	Hardwood Veneer	4,263	34.1	32,263	17.1
Hong Kong	3,223	(8.5)	25,965	12.6	Particleboard	1,095	(57.4)	17,281	(25.6)
Singapore	1,387	46.8	11,373	20.7	Other	55,194	5.5	498,396	0.1
TOTAL	$282,561	(7.4)	$3,117,703	22.0	TOTAL	$282,561	(7.4)	$3,117,703	22.0

Notes: (1) Sources are USDA Foreign Agriculture Service & Dept. of Commerce unless noted otherwise.
(2) Percent changes from/to zero (or minimum) values are noted by *.
(3) Because of new HS classifications, certain year-to-year changes are not meaningful and, thus, are noted with an NA.

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U.S. Exports To:

		VOLUME				VALUE-$000			
		Sept.	% Change Month	YTD	% Change YTD	Sept.	% Change Month	YTD	% Change YTD
J	Softwood Logs - MBF	132,093	(5.3)	1,419,044	(9.1)	129,274	(1.6)	1,422,833	27.3
	Softwood Lumber - MBF	70,482	(11.1)	814,450	10.7	39,704	(11.3)	463,613	29.0
A	Hardwood Logs - MBF	732	(53.8)	23,112	12.4	1,168	(48.6)	41,544	31.1
P	Hardwood Lumber - MBF	10,760	3.0	91,431	7.6	14,130	(0.3)	117,869	15.6
A	Hardwood Veneer (MSF 1/8)	9,195	(6.9)	94,444	9.3	1,020	(9.0)	10,805	(4.2)
N	Particleboard (MSF 3/4)	573	(10.7)	4,935	(47.7)	149	8.0	1,761	(15.6)
	Other					40,276	5.1	389,451	(4.2)
	Subtotal					225,721	(2.8)	2,447,879	20.5
	Softwood Logs - MBF	22,219	(4.7)	250,571	(15.8)	13,952	(16.4)	185,746	43.8
K	Softwood Lumber - MBF	1,783	(41.9)	24,322	42.8	1,783	(41.3)	16,312	76.5
O	Hardwood Logs - MBF	477	(2.4)	10,325	19.9	729	(17.7)	13,541	19.8
R	Hardwood Lumber - MBF	2,467	8.4	18,044	17.7	3,115	13.5	22,759	35.8
E	Hardwood Veneer (MSF 1/8)	14,028	40.7	66,389	38.2	1,895	52.9	9,420	31.4
A	Particleboard (MSF 3/4)	796	(71.7)	25,392	(47.0)	356	(65.9)	8,034	(24.4)
	Other					9,258	38.2	59,336	50.5
	Subtotal					31,088	(3.9)	315,153	40.9
	Softwood Logs - MBF	10,692	3.7	113,835	(23.4)	4,542	(40.5)	86,266	12.3
C	Softwood Lumber - MBF	49	*	611	(84.8)	43	*	288	(82.3)
H	Hardwood Logs - MBF	0	*	1,095	77.9	0	*	1,245	*
I	Hardwood Lumber - MBF	109	94.0	1,219	1.9	82	*	1,273	62.8
N	Hardwood Veneer (MSF 1/8)	461	*	1,858	*	31	*	164	*
A	Particleboard (MSF 3/4)	13	*	43	(57.1)	7	*	23	(14.8)
	Other					1,311	(30.7)	4,928	*
	Subtotal					6,016	(37.4)	94,186	15.7
	Softwood Logs - MBF	193	(96.1)	27,278	(4.1)	103	(97.0)	21,643	32.0
T	Softwood Lumber - MBF	1,672	(46.0)	16,953	11.7	684	(48.2)	9,201	54.1
A	Hardwood Logs - MBF	318	(18.9)	6,642	7.1	469	(33.4)	10,189	14.2
I	Hardwood Lumber - MBF	6,688	(0.5)	63,304	(1.8)	5,796	(8.4)	58,525	10.1
W	Hardwood Veneer (MSF 1/8)	5,377	46.7	68,444	55.4	639	50.0	7,915	48.3
A	Particleboard (MSF 3/4)	1,785	(41.4)	29,136	(32.3)	487	(52.3)	6,054	(16.5)
N	Other					2,312	(13.5)	22,706	(28.0)
	Subtotal					10,490	(34.1)	136,230	6.0
A									
U	Softwood Logs - MBF	0	*	49	(91.3)	0	*	45	(79.5)
S	Softwood Lumber - MBF	4,610	(62.7)	105,182	25.4	3,320	(64.6)	75,933	70.1
T	Hardwood Logs - MBF	12	*	217	(57.4)	32	*	187	(80.8)
R	Hardwood Lumber - MBF	256	4.3	1,812	(19.5)	434	*	2,599	(20.2)
A	Hardwood Veneer (MSF 1/8)	74	(84.8)	3,720	(67.0)	9	(66.7)	524	(65.9)
L	Particleboard (MSF 3/4)	0	*	76	(84.5)	0	*	39	(84.3)
I	Other					841	(20.3)	7,592	10.1
A	Subtotal					4,636	(56.6)	86,916	50.4

Japanese Market Data

Imports -Thousand Cubic Meters	Sept.	Aug.	% Change Month	YTD	% Change YTD	U.S. Import Market Share YTD (%)
Softwood Logs	1,093	1,111	(1.6)	11,252	(1.4)	51.7
Softwood Lumber	665	616	7.9	6,861	21.6	23.6
Hardwood Logs	662	679	(2.5)	6,571	(20.9)	1.6
Hardwood Lumber	157	167	(6.2)	1,280	11.2	16.7

	Sept.	Aug.	% Change Month	YTD	% Change YTD	Wooden Structures YTD %
Housing Starts-000	136.3	137.3	(0.7)	1,094.2	5.5	47.5

Source: Japan Wood Products Information & Research Center